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Wrightstown clears way for progress

It was cold and windy, but on Friday, March 21 a crowd gathered to watch Congressman Jim Saxton take the first bite at demolishing fifteen dilapidated buildings along Fort Dix Road in preparation for the re-birth of the Wrightstown business district. Congressman Saxton climbed aboard a piece of heavy equipment and started tearing down one of the abandoned buildings immediately outside the Wrightstown Gate of Fort Dix. According to Wrightstown Mayor Tom Harper, Monday, March 24 marked the official start of demolition but everyone on hand saw the culmination of twenty years of dreaming, planning and nego-

tiating on the part of Wrightstown Borough.

"I'd like to thank Congressman Saxton, the staff of Wrightstown Borough, and the Wrightstown Road Department for all their hard work and dedication to this project," Harper said.

Currently, this area is mostly dilapidated buildings and empty lots. But not for long. Wrightstown is intent on improving the area on a grand scale.

The area is slated for a development revival with potential construction of a hotel and conference center, new stores, shops, restaurants, and assisted-living housing on the horizon. Prospective developers have been nar-

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CONGRESSIONAL IMPACT — Congressman Jim Saxton, long term supporter of the Wrightstown revitalization project, takes the first crunch out of buildings slated for demolition in a Fort Dix Road ceremony March 21.

NEWSNOTES

Tax Center posts return prep hours

The Fort Dix Tax Center, located in Building 5407, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Friday.

Tax returns will be prepared by appointment only; please call 609-562-6859 for an appointment.

Fort Dix is able to provide free basic tax preparation and e-filing to military personnel and their families through the Internal Revenue Service sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Militaryonesource.com also provides free on-line income tax preparation for active duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members and their families. Free tax preparation and electronic filing are also available through the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov; click on the link "Use Free File to Prepare Your Taxes."

Walson Hospital Alums to meet for brunch

The Walson Army Community Hospital Alumni will meet for Brunch at Club Dix, located on Alabama and 6th Street, on Sunday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are a former employee of the Walson Army Community Hospital (WACH), and are interested in meeting for brunch with other former WACH employees, please call Fay Marshall-Deese at (609) 562-2666, NLT April 7.

ASMC dishes up fed benefit info

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Jersey Devil Chapter is hosting an information luncheon workshop May 7 on "Your FED Benefits & Your Future." The event is open to all, and will be held at the Garden State Diner in Wrightstown from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presentation is informative and interactive and covers TSP, Risk Management, FEBS, CSRS, FEGLI, Survivor Benefits and more. To attend, contact your ASMC POC or e-mail neen.raspa@us.army.mil by May 1.

Bush consults on Iraq plans

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 26, 2008 — President Bush, Vice President Richard B. Cheney and Stephen Hadley, the national security advisor, today met Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon to discuss the way ahead in Iraq.

The meeting was an opportunity for the senior uniformed officials to give their advice to the president directly.

The men met for two hours in "the

Tank" — a secure Joint Chiefs conference facility in the Pentagon.

The purpose of the meeting was for the chiefs to "have this time with the president to talk to him about their views, their recommendations, their observations on Iraq."

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said, "We want to make sure the president has the opportunity to talk to all the important key leaders that are involved in ensuring the success of the war effort."

The president met earlier this week with U.S. Central Command Chief Navy Adm. William J. Fallon and met via videoconference with

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, the commander of Multinational Force Iraq.

"At the end of the day, the commander in chief will have a good idea of what his key military leaders feel right now," Whitman said. Gates will continue to consult with Bush and other members of the National Security Council on these issues.

Gates and Bush meet often, Whitman said, and the secretary "had some discussions in recent days about the situation in Iraq, but he also has multiple opportunities (to further those discussions) during his engagements with the president."

The discussions center around the strategy for the way forward. The big question is the size of U.S. troop levels in Iraq through the end of the year, Joint Staff officials said.

Gates has said he favors a pause of some duration after the last of the five U.S. surge brigades leave the country by the end of July.

Petraeus and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker will testify before the House and Senate armed services committees during the second week in April.

The president is expected to announce his decision on the way forward sometime that week.

Local hero's memory honored

**Capt. Yadira Carrasquillo/
Wayne Cook**
Public Affairs Staff

As a black velvet drape was pulled away from a photo of a fallen hero, mother and sons gazed at the plaque with bittersweet looks of grief and pride.

The photo of Sgt. Eric Lamar Snell was unveiled during the March 21 dedication ceremony of the Bldg. 5986 Dining Facility, now named in honor of Snell's life and service for country.

Snell was killed in action June 18, 2007 during a firefight with insurgents in Baghdad while supporting the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When Snell's mother, Mittie

White, took to the podium, she

expressed her gratitude to all who

have given support to the family and

taken the time to honor her son.

To lighten the somber atmosphere

of the event, she shared a fond and

amusing remark concerning the

choice of facilities to dedicate to her

son.

"There is nothing he didn't enjoy

about eating. He would be happy to

know he was having a dining hall

named in his honor," she said.

"He was a loving son and, yes, he

loved the military as well, and there-

fore this honor is appreciated from

our hearts and our souls," she said.

Other guest speakers included Col.

Ronald Thaxton, installation commander,

Command Sgt. Maj. Leon

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Wayne Cook

NAMED FOR A HERO — Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander, unveils the portrait of Sgt. Eric Snell and his Bronze Star Medal that will hang inside the Dining Facility, Bldg. 5986, that was named in his memory. Sgt. Snell's mother, Mittie White, and sons, Shamer Horton, left, and Khalil Young-Snell, center, joined in the unveiling.

the mind field

Citing test, education lobby gives high schoolers bum rap, calling students 'stunningly ignorant'?

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Bonnie Goldstein revives a very old argument in the Feb. 29 issue of *Slate*, the on-line magazine. She reports that a new education-advocacy group, *Common Core*, tested over a 1,000 American 17-year-old high school students and guess what? It seems that American teenagers are "stunningly ignorant" about history and literature, the keys to our culture.

Common Core places some but not all of the blame on the "No Child Left Behind" law which forces schools to concentrate on teaching standardized measures for math and reading at the expense of education in the humanities. Still, the organization's collective reasoning seems cliché-ridden if not absolutely off the mark.

Since the 1983 education survey *A Nation At Risk* appeared, many studies, most concentrating on the humanities, have trotted across the academic scene, virtually all of them blasting measured knowledge levels in the humanities at both high school and college levels. Although nothing to brag about, science and math scores did better, perhaps because progress in both disciplines lends itself better to empirical or objective measurements than do the humanities.

I suspect we are all victims of the knowledge explosion. With the great expansion of what we know in all fields some knowledge is bound to be neglected. And that may well be in the humanities (commonly understood to be disciplines involved in reading, writing, language and thinking such as history, literature, philosophy, languages, social studies, etc.). Why?

Americans probably concentrate more on mastering technological change, like dealing with car engines or ATM machines, to get a jump and get ahead in a highly-competitive capitalist society. Unless you're Albert Einstein, there are only so many academic disciplines one can master in a lifetime. Most people grab a smattering of what's useful while attempting to remain apace of technological and other changes riding herd on society.

I see nothing insidious or dangerous in this trend providing excellence in a wide variety of fields contains rewards. And it seems to.

So the following test draws upon some of the questions *Common Core* posed and others garnered from still different sources. Let's take the quiz and separate the philosophers from the philistines! If we do well, why we can join those pedantic pedagogues who feel so superior, we can become part of that effete corps of impudent snobs masquerading as intellectuals.

1. The New Deal refers to a series of economic programs designed to fight the Great Depression under which president?

- A. Harry S. Truman
- B. Dwight Eisenhower
- C. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- D. Teddy Roosevelt

2. When did Columbus set sail for the New World?

- A. Before 1500
- B. 1750-1800
- C. 1800-1850
- D. 1850-1900
- E. 1550-1600
- F. 1650-1700

3. Who were Plato and Aristotle?

- A. Hebrew prophets
- B. Greek philosophers
- C. Medieval poets
- D. Roman playwrights

4. The first permanent English colony in North America was

- A. Salem, Massachusetts
- B. Jamestown, Virginia
- C. Philadelphia, Pa.
- D. Providence, Rhode Island

5. During the Second World War, the major enemies of the United States were

- A. Germany and Japan
- B. Vietnam and Korea
- C. the Soviet Union and China
- D. Cuba and Iran



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MOTIVATION -- Motivating students to excel in the classroom is much easier said than done.

6. Who commanded the American Army during the Revolutionary War?

- A. Paul Revere
- B. Benedict Arnold
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. George Washington

7. When was the Civil War?

- A. Before 1750
- B. 1750-1800
- C. 1800-1850
- D. 1850-1900
- E. 1900-1950
- F. After 1950

8. Which group of United States citizens was forced into relocation camps during the Second World War?

- A. German Americans
- B. Italian Americans
- C. Japanese Americans
- D. Russian Americans

9. Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. Paul Revere
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. George Washington

10. The Renaissance was a period in European history known for

- A. religious persecution
- B. widespread famine
- C. the rise of democracy
- D. cultural progress

11. Where do you find the guarantee of speech and religion?

- A. Common Sense
- B. The Constitution
- C. The Bill of Rights
- D. Articles of Confederation

12. President Abraham Lincoln wrote

- A. The Bill of Rights
- B. Emancipation Proclamation
- C. Missouri Compromise
- D. Uncle Tom's Cabin

13. The idea that each branch of the federal government should keep the other branches from becoming too strong is called

- A. strict constructionism
- B. system of checks & balances
- C. federalism
- D. implied powers



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BUDDING GENIUS -- Even Albert Einstein, the father of the theory of relativity and a symbol of intellectual accomplishment, had trouble with tests once in a while. Before completing high school Einstein applied for admission to ETH Zurich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. But he failed the entrance exam despite having an impressive background in math and physics.

14. Who was Adolph Hitler?

- A. German arms manufacturer
- B. Kaiser during World War I
- C. a premier of Austria
- D. Chancellor of Germany, WWII

15. In its Brown vs. Board of Education decision in 1954, the Supreme Court

- A. required the hiring of more minority teachers
- B. declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional
- C. forbade discrimination in hotels and motels
- D. mandated busing students to achieve racial balance in schools

16. What event led DIRECTLY to the entry of the U.S. into the Second World War?

- A. sinking of the Lusitania
- B. German occupation of France
- C. Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
- D. signing of Nazi-Soviet pact

17. Which of the following novels helped the anti-slavery movement by depicting the evils of slavery?

- A. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- B. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- C. *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- D. *Native Son* by Richard Wright

18. What was the novel 1984 about?

- A. destruction of the human race by nuclear war
- B. a dictatorship in which every citizen was watched in order to stamp out all individuality
- C. The invasion and subjugation of human beings by creatures from outer space
- D. A man who went back in time to change history

19. Who is the character in an ancient Greek play who unknowingly killed his father and married his mother?

- A. Agamemnon
- B. Oedipus
- C. Orestes
- D. Prometheus

20. Dickens' novel *A Tale of Two Cities* took place during

- A. English Civil War
- B. War of the Roses
- C. French Revolution
- D. Crimean War

21. Which mythical Greek hero showed bravery and cunning during his long journey home after the Trojan War?

- A. Theseus
- B. Achilles
- C. Telemachus
- D. Odysseus

22. In the Bible, Job is known for his

- A. skill as a builder
- B. patience during suffering
- C. prowess in battle
- D. prophetic ability

23. Who said, "And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country?"

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. Lyndon Johnson
- D. John F. Kennedy

24. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy was controversial because

- A. he investigated suspected Communists
- B. he agitated to secure rights for Irish immigrants
- C. he led a protest movement against the Vietnam War
- D. he led a movement to improve veteran's benefits

25. Which American poet wrote *Leaves of Grass*, which includes the line "I celebrate myself, and sing myself"?

- A. Robert Lowell
- B. Edna St. Vincent Millay
- C. Archibald MacLeish
- D. Walt Whitman

answers: (1) C, Franklin D. Roosevelt (2) A, before 1500

(3) B, Greek philosophers (4) B, Jamestown, Virginia (5) A, Germany and Japan (6) D, George Washington

(7) D, 1861-65 (8) C, Japanese Americans (9) A, Jefferson (10) D, cultural progress (11) C, The Bill of Rights

(12) B, Emancipation Proclamation (13) B, checks & balances (14) D, Chancellor of Germany, World War II

(15) B, declared racial segregation in schools unconstitutional (16) C, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (17) A, Uncle Tom's Cabin (18) B, dictatorship stamps out all individuality

(19) B, Oedipus (20) C, French Revolution (21) D, Odysseus (22) B, patience through suffering (23) D, John F. Kennedy (24) A, investigated Communists (25) D, Walt Whitman

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Chapel congregations celebrate life of Christ from crib to cross

story & photos by
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Installation chapel congregations and the surrounding communities celebrated the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ by presenting a performance, *From the Crib to the Cross*, March 20.

Dressed in colorful costumes of the period, the cast of more than 35 actors portrayed different chapters in the life of the man known as Jesus of Nazareth, from his miraculous birth to his death upon the cross. Backed by a choir and the narration of the storyline, the audience was treated to the theatrical skills of the cast as they brought the Gospel to life. Included in the presentation was a scene where John the Baptist, played by Chap. (Col.) Allen Raub, baptized Jesus in the river Jordan. Incorporated into this scene were the actual baptisms of four congregation members — Hilda Lear, Ema Jackson, Mabel Bethune, and Parnell Bethune.

Also during the scenes when Jesus blessed the children, (Mark 10:13 thru 16 in the Bible), Jesus, played by Chap. (Col.) David Forden, invited the children in the audience to come forward and be blessed.

In keeping with the theme of interaction, when the scene was played where Jesus presided over the Last Supper, (Matthew 26:26 thru 29), four of the actors playing disciples offered communion to all who wished to participate.

The audience seemed to truly enjoy the play.

"I liked the music and the water when the people were baptized," said three-year-old Michalah Dillard of Atco.

"I thought it was a beautiful story. I liked the baby Jesus," added Michalah's mother, Heather Dillard.

"I thought the play was absolutely incredible. To see it performed at the level it was truly thrilling me. It was a treat for the whole family," said John Barry of Pemberton.



GIVING PRAISE -- Members of the Chapel congregations performed an enactment of Jesus' life in a production titled "From the Crib to the Cross" March 20 at the Main Chapel. In the manger lies baby Jesus, played by Luis Pax, surrounded by shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph, and a choir of the heavenly hosts announcing the birth of the Messiah.



POWER OF ROME -- Roman soldiers under the charge of a centurion, played by Dave Bohn, led Jesus, played by Chap. (Col.) David Forden, to Golgotha to be crucified on the cross during the performance of "From the Crib to the Cross" March 20 at the Main Chapel.



BEFORE THE ORDEAL -- Jesus, played by Chap. (Col.) David Forden, tensely awaits his fate in the Garden of Gethsemane in "From the Crib to the Cross," performed by members of Chapel congregations March 20 at the Main Chapel.



Ed Mingin

LOOKING AHEAD -- Congressman Jim Saxton points to a map of Wrightstown as Robert Lichtneger, Fort Dix deputy to the commander, looks on during demolition of 15 dilapidated buildings along Fort Dix Road March 21 in preparation for the rebirth of the Wrightstown business district.

Wrightstown clears way



Ed Mingin

GEARING UP -- Congressman Jim Saxton, left, gets a few pointers on operating heavy machinery from Alex Aecalla of King Recycling, right, before the demolition of 15 dilapidated buildings along Fort Dix Road immediately outside the Wrightstown Gate March 21.

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--rowed down to a final three with the decision to award the final construction contract coming sometime in April. In total, three blocks will be demolished as part of phase one of the project. Phase two will be focused on the opposite side of Fort Dix Road and Harper fully expects privately funded development projects will be forthcoming.

According to Harper, "Eminent domain was not exercised by Wrightstown throughout the entire planning and implementation of this project. We are proud to say that we settled fairly with every property owner involved."

This land once owned by Wrightstown, acquired by Fort Dix, and subsequently reacquired by Wrightstown is eligible for a tax incentive program known as PILOT (payments in-lieu-of-taxes). Instead of authorizing taxation, Congress has usually chosen to create various payment programs designed to make up for lost tax revenue. Under current federal law, local governments are compensated through various programs for losses to their tax bases due to the presence of federally owned land. The level of payments is calculated under a complex formula. Local businesses that decide to make this area home will also benefit from what's known as the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program which is part of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997. This program is designed to stimulate economic development and create jobs in low-income communities by providing federal contracting preferences to small businesses that are located within a HUBZone and that hire employees who live in a HUBZone. This program applies to firms that are currently located within the zones, start-up businesses located in these areas, and existing firms that choose to move their business to qualified areas.

Prior to his foray into building demolition, Congressman Saxton commented that, "On the first full day of spring, Wrightstown is finally getting its new day. It's a great day for Wrightstown, the new joint base and Burlington County."

Other dignitaries on hand included Bob Lichtneger, Fort Dix deputy to the commander, Horace Carter of the Joint Land Use Board, and retired Col. Mike Warner, former commander of Fort Dix.



Ed Mingin

SPREADING THE WORD -- Congressman Jim Saxton looks on as Wrightstown Mayor Tom Harper speaks with reporters about the rebuilding of Wrightstown March 21.

POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of Mar 17 through 23.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to an incident at Range 39. Investigation revealed a Soldier, assigned to Fort Dix, observed two individuals loading a vehicle training aid onto a trailer at Range 39. When challenged by the witness, the subjects stated they were taking the vehicle to be scrap. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of a suspicious item at Range #59. Investigation revealed that contractors found a suspicious item while excavating. EOD and Explosive Safety were notified. Further investigation revealed the item did not pose a threat and EOD was recalled.

●Police responded to a report of theft of personal property at Tac #13. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had taken unsecured property belonging to a Soldier NAFD. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of government property at Bldg. 5601. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown took items from a tactical vehicle while it was parked and unattended.

●Police responded to a report of harassment at Bldg. 5613. Investigation revealed a Soldier, NAFD, was harassing his medical case manager. The subject's chain of command was notified.

●Police responded to an incident at Bldg. 5508. Investigation revealed a vending machine was unsecured and merchandise was missing. The contractor restocked and secured the machine.

●During a routine credential check at the Browns Mills gate, police discovered a Soldier, NAFD, had an outstanding warrant from Woodbridge, NJ. Woodbridge Police were contacted and issued a new court date.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at Range 35. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Fort Dix civilian employee, struck a tree. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Texas and Broadway Avenues. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck another vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●While processing a visitor, a Soldier NAFD, at the Visitor's Center, police discovered the subject had an outstanding warrant out of Monmouth County. The subject was transported to the police station and released to the custody of the Monmouth County Sheriff's office.

●During a routine traffic stop on Juliustown Road, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop at the Main Gate, police observed the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, appeared to be intoxicated. After failing field sobriety tests, the subject was transported to the police station for processing. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

●Police, Fire Department, and EMS personnel responded to a motor vehicle crash on Cookstown Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck a dirt berm and a utility pole and rolled over. The subject was extracted from the vehicle, stabilized at the scene, and transported to VMHBC for further treatment. EMS personnel noted a strong odor of alcohol on the subject and police obtained a subpoena for blood alcohol tests. Further investigation revealed the subject was unlicensed. The subject was subsequently cited for multiple violations and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property at Tac #13. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had taken property belonging to a Soldier NAFD. Investigation continues.

●There were 18 expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 20 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents are now at three for the year.

Fort Dix Weather Hotline

Checking to see if weather has caused a delay in opening at Fort Dix?
After 6 a.m.,

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- Log in to www.dix.army.mil
- Tune in to WDIX Channel 2

DFAC named for local hero

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Caffie, command sergeant major, United States Army Reserve, and Marty Flynn, athletic director, West Windsor-Plainsboro school district.

Snell was assigned as a scout to Black Knight Troop 3/61 Cavalry Squadron, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo. A Trenton native, he was a standout athlete in the West Windsor-Plainsboro school district and at Trenton State College. His outstanding skills in baseball led to the Cleveland Indians drafting him in 1989, but his mother encouraged him to continue with college first.

The Soldier's horizons were so broad — he was even an international model, having appeared in publications such as Modern Bride and Vibe magazines while traveling the world and living in places as exotic as Italy and South Africa.

He enlisted in the Army in

2005, he said, for his sons Shameer Horton and Khalil Young-Snell, so he could provide better opportunities for them.

Along with family members, friends, various veteran organization members, and installation representatives gathered on the bright, sunny day to commemorate and honor the remarkable life and sacrifice of this great American.

Flynn, event keynote speaker and friend, expounded upon what a great student athlete, son and father Snell had been. Tears welled up in his eyes as he remarked on the commitment Snell made and the price he paid to keep it. He challenged Snell's sons to follow their father's example.

Caffie emphasized the extreme sense of honor and pride Snell exuded in the performance of his duties. The command sergeant major also stressed that the Army has the responsibility to take care of Snell's family.

Those in attendance quickly moved inside to get out of the cold and enjoy a reception after the ceremony.

The portrait of Snell and his Bronze Star Medal with citation hang in the dining room of the facility, located in Bldg. 5986.

Robert White, Snell's uncle, said that it will always be good to have a place to come back and remember his nephew's immortalized legacy.

Snell is survived by his two sons, his father, Arthur Snell of Mount Holly, his mother, and his sister Alaina Snell of Hamilton.

Speaking of legacy, according to many of Snell's comrades from his unit in Colorado and Iraq, he was an outstanding Soldier, mentor, leader, confidant, and friend to everyone he came into contact with. Statements from some of his friends and Soldiers he served with can be found on the Internet at <http://obits.nj.com/trenton/>; click on the "see Guest Books" icon, enter "Snell" in the search box, and click on his name.



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HONORS — Mitie White, top, mother of Sgt. Eric Snell, and Snell's sons, Shameer Horton, left and Khalil Young-Snell, center, take a moment for a photo by the picture of the fallen Soldier and his Bronze Star Medal. Sgt. Eric Snell, a scout with Black Knight Troop 3/61 Cavalry Squadron, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Co., was killed in a firefight in Iraq. Right, White addressed those assembled for the dedication of Bldg. 5986 on behalf of her son, and thanked everyone for their support and prayers.



NEIGHBORHOOD

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Army Ed Center open for testing

Testing for the AFCT/ASVAB, DLPT, DLAB, and AFAST has resumed at the Fort Dix Army Education Center located at Bldg. 5403 East, First Street and Delaware Avenue, on the second floor.

For more information or to schedule a test, call Laquacia Thomas at 562-4894 or send an e-mail to aec-testing@dix.army.mil.

Border Patrol job fair coming to Club Dix

The United States Border Patrol will be holding an open house job fair April 2 at Club Dix from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the Patrol, come to the open house and speak to a patrol agent to learn more about the agency and mission to protect the nation's borders.

Interviews and applications will be offered during the event. For more information, call 723-3832.

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Applications available for EFMP grants

Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is once again able to provide grants to help defray the cost of camp for children with special needs. These grants known as "Camperships" are made possible from donations this year from the United Way of Burlington County, the Combined Federal Campaign and the Fort Dix Spouses' Club.

The amount of these grants is dependent upon the number of eligible families applying for the "Camperships." These grants can help parents with the cost of summer camp or summer programs offered through Child and Youth Services (CYS). Grants may be used on and off the installation to the camp of your choice.

Applications for the grants are available at ACS, Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue, from April 7 to May 5. Applications are to be returned to the ACS Center. Faxed or e-mailed applications will only be accepted under special circumstances.

Children must be enrolled in the EFMP program of the sponsor's branch of service to be eligible.

For more information about the summer camp scholarships or other EFMP programs, call Evelyn Dingle at 562-2767.

Officers Association offers college scholarships

The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) offers \$500 merit-based scholarships for both undergraduate and postgraduate study at accredited colleges and universities. Undergraduate scholarships are available for children and grandchildren of ROA members; and graduate scholarships are available to ROA members.

Sponsors must be ROA members and membership is available to any active, reserve, retired, or former officer who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA.

Application deadline for the 2008-09 School Year is April 10. ROA membership & scholarship applications are available at www.ROA.org.

E-mail questions to grallen@comcast.net.

Positions available for Soldiers at MRB

The Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) has the following vacant positions:

CMD PER MGT NCOIC (E7)
XO (O3, O3)
DEP IG (O4)
ASST MIL PERS OFF (W2)
DEMOB ASSIST FOR ADMIN
SPEC (E4)
CHAP ASST (E7, E6)

Call Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange at 562-3996 for more information.

Fun was in the cards at Texas Hold'em tourney



Michael Hayward, Anita Gorman and Claudio Clarke, from left, put on their best poker faces during the No Limit Texas Hold'em Championship held at Club Dix March 19. Taking first place at the event was James Barnard; Ronald Cefalone captured second place; and Nicholas Ochipintu took third.

photos by Jennifer M. McCarthy

Scouts show support for deploying troops

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Boy Scout Troop 33 from Short Hills spent their first day of spring vacation March 21 delivering and packing items for comfort packages at the Fort Dix American Red Cross Station for deploying Soldiers.

The project was the initiative of McKay Smalley, a 17 year old from Summit who is working toward his Eagle Badge.

When it came time for Smalley to start thinking about what he would do for his Eagle project, it didn't take him long to settle on an idea.

"I always think it is good to serve those who serve us. I don't think they get enough recognition. I thought about it for a while and it just came together. I went to the Red Cross Web site looking for a way to serve Soldiers and saw one of the projects looking for comfort items at Fort Dix," said Smalley.

"The entire troop came really fast when I asked them to assist in the project. I also enlisted my church to help me. I briefed them on what we were doing and put a box and table out. I am so happy and proud that my community thinks the same about those who serve as I do," he said.

Between the members of his church and his scout troop, they were able to collect hundreds of donated items in the span of a month for the Soldiers on the installation. They filled three large plastic storage bins with the items.

Then came the part of the project that truly showed off Smalley's leadership skills; on a day when most children are running all over the place doing their own things and being carefree, he coordinated with all the members of his troop to volunteer to deliver the donations to the post.

Not only did they all take the long



Wayne Cook

DYNAMITE DONATION -- Boy Scout McKay Smalley, standing second from left, is joined by the rest of Boy Scout Troop 33 from Short Hills as they deliver hundreds of donated comfort package items to the American Red Cross Station on Fort Dix March 21. The donations were part of Smalley's Eagle Scout project, where he enlisted the aid of his troop members and his church in gathering the donated items and then he coordinated and led the effort to deliver the items to the post for use by deploying Soldiers. The troop also spent time at the Red Cross station putting together the comfort kits, which contained personal hygiene items and snacks.

ride to the installation to deliver the items, but they also donated their time to help put the comfort packages together at the Red Cross station.

"These boys are just wonderful," said Patricia Selk-Welkenback, volunteer manager at the station. "They gave up their free time for people they don't even know. Most kids today wouldn't do that."

Smalley's scout master was also proud of all the effort put in by the troop, especially his soon-to-be Eagle Scout.

"Coming to Fort Dix was one of the key points to the project. He coordinated the boys getting together to come down here on a holiday and that Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was one of the key points to his project. Having the boys see that this is the start of a bigger thing I think is very important. Having them be conscious of the types of sacrifices others are making. McKay played a huge part in all that," said Corey Chivers, Troop 33 scout master.

"I'd like to thank my parents because they pretty much pushed me

along during this project. I also want to thank my scout troop for following me and helping me out, and my church members at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for supporting and helping me," said Smalley.

Smalley is a junior at Summit High School and has set his goal on attending college and studying computer science like his father.

This soon to be Eagle Scout has shown he is capable of achieving whatever goal he sets for himself.

Couple to lift spirits at Gospel Joy Night

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Eddy and Patricia Nubine, renowned inspirational instrumentalist and gospel vocalist, will join the chapel Gospel congregation for the celebration of Gospel Joy Night March 29 at 5:30 p.m.

For those who attended the Installation Prayer Breakfast two weeks ago, the memories of the lively saxophone music and the stirring soloist charge the soul.

Prepare for a second helping as the Nubines bring their repertoire of gifts and talents to the Main Chapel as the Gospel congregation and all who wish to attend celebrate the Gospel faith. An evening of music, worship, inspirational messages, and fun is slated for the event.



Wayne Cook

PERFECT PAIR -- Vocalist Patricia Nubine and saxophonist Eddy Nubine, from left, are set to join the Gospel congregation for Gospel Joy Night March 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Eddy is a Soldier assigned to the Army Material Command Band at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and also a world-renowned saxophonist, preacher, songwriter, and entrepreneur. His wife, Patricia, is a recorded vocalist, author, inspirational speaker, and songwriter.



courtesy photo

Spring brings out smiles

Masalia Ruiz and Destiny Morales, from left, display their artistic handiwork at Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. ACS offers many programs for kids, service members and families. For more information, call ACS at 562-2767.

Army Emergency Relief campaign kicks off

WASHINGTON, Army News Service, March 27, 2008 - The Army Emergency Relief program has increased the financial assistance it provides to Soldiers and Families in need by about 40 percent since 2005, according to the program's director.

Retired Lt. Gen. Robert F. Foley said AER provided about \$44 million in emergency interest-free loans and grants as well as need and merit-based academic scholarships in 2005, and by 2007 that number increased to almost \$74 million. The 2008 fundraising campaign is well underway and scheduled to last until May 1.

Soldiers Helping Soldiers
AER lets Soldiers help Soldiers, and it is primarily funded by Soldiers through donations or repayment of AER loans. The 2007 campaign raised \$10.9 million. According to Foley, about 85 percent of AER assistance goes to staff sergeants and below.

"There are privateers who really appreciate what AER does and are highly motivated to take out a monthly allotment of \$100, which for a private is a lot of money; but I've seen it," he said. "But my major

focus as we go through our campaign is not to twist anyone's arm to give money. I don't even mention that I encourage you to give to the campaign. My focus is on ensuring they understand what AER does for them and let them make their own decision. It's not how much."

Command Referral

Program
Foley attributes the rising success in helping active-duty, reserve-component and retired Soldiers, Families and survivors to increased education and awareness among Army leaders - he and his staff frequently brief leadership courses and schools - and the Command Referral Program, launched in 2006.

Under the program, company/battery commanders and first sergeants can authorize \$1,000 in interest-free loans to their Soldiers for car repairs, emergency travel, rent or really anything the Soldier needs.

"It allows the chain of command to be involved in their moral obligation to take care of their Soldiers," said Foley, adding that last year 30 percent of all AER assistance Army-wide was attributed to this program and that the number is

much higher at some installations.

"As commanders, I think it's important that we recognize those Soldiers who need help and let them know it's okay to come forward and ask for the help the Army can provide them. I never see a unit come together more than when a Soldier or a Soldier's Family needs help," said Capt. Eric N. Durrant, a battery commander with the 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Exception to Policy
According to Foley, each Soldier's case is different so there are no strict rules about what AER will or will not cover, and there are no limits on the amount of the loan or grants Soldiers can receive or the number of times they can apply to AER. AER, he said, simply wants to help Soldiers in need so they won't have to go to payday lenders and pay exorbitant interest rates and get into debt. They should always

ask for assistance.

"Soldiers sometimes will say, Army Emergency Relief takes care of rent and utilities and emergency travel and medical issues, but they don't take care of this specific issue that I have," he said. "I'll use an example, some children have a misshapen head, I don't know the exact term, but they need a cranial helmet to help shape their head."

The Fort Dix Army Emergency Relief office is located at Army Community Service, Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. Call 562-2767 for more information.

"We have a policy which I call 'exception call' and every garrison commander has the authority to make an exception up to \$3,500. And what's great about it is that we're empowering them. They're the ones who have the authority to say, if it's the right thing for the Soldier and the right thing for the United States Army, I have the authority to make this exception. And of course, all the staff up here make exceptions.

"I think it's important that we have the flexibility to make those decisions, because in these difficult times, when Soldiers are going on multiple deployments, you never know when a Soldier is going to make a lifetime commitment to the Army, saying 'You know, the Army's helping me in a lot of different ways and I got through this because Army Emergency Relief stepped up,'" said Foley, who added that if the assistance starts as a loan and the Soldier finds he or she can't afford the payments, AER will often convert the balance to a grant.

"My son got real sick," said Spc. Eddie L. Sherrod, a fire-detection specialist with the headquarters battery, 3rd Bn., 27th FA Regt. "You're already dealing with going to war all three, and all are for the undergraduate level. That's a blow in itself. AER actually paid all my medical bills and they didn't give me a loan, they gave me a grant. I think that helped us a whole lot, mentally, because I was really drained."

Grants for Wounded Warriors

AER also has other, specific programs. According to Foley, every Soldier who has been

medically evacuated from the theater is entitled to a \$200 grant from AER, and he is very concerned that all wounded warriors receive these grants, as well as information on AER assistance, as spouses may quit their jobs to help care for them. He said AER is in the early stages of partnering with the 35 Warrior Transition Units and Soldier Family Assistance Centers around the Army.

Scholarships

Spouses and children of active-duty and retired Soldiers are also eligible for need-based scholarships of up to \$2,900 a year - family income must be below \$88,500 - academic achievement and leadership scholarships of \$1,000. Some students would be eligible for all three, and all are for the undergraduate level.

AER offices are located at the Army Community Service building on Army installations, and can also be found through the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, Air Force Aid Society and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at other military installations, and Red Cross chapters nationwide. To find an AER office or for more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

Dix jobs available with Army ROTC Command

Second Brigade, Army ROTC Command, is an active-duty brigade located on Fort Dix, responsible for 41 programs at universities located throughout the North East. Army ROTC creates new Army officers who go on to rewarding careers in the military. The leadership and administration of all North East programs is controlled by the Fort Dix HQ. Army ROTC is hiring NSPS employees, contractors and seeking active-duty Army Soldiers and officers during the upcoming 12 months.

Current positions available are:

- Four brigade staff specialist positions -- one each specializing in Logistics, Recruiting Operations, Training, Project Management.
- Possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- Possess computer skills; operate Microsoft word processing, spreadsheet, and graphics programs.

Documented history of providing analysis and recommendations of courses of action, technical guidance and assistance to staff sections and subordinate units.

● Prepare Military correspondence, oral and written presentations.

● Prior knowledge of the federal government's organizational structure, mission objectives, functions, procedures, agency regulations and policies desired.

● Pass periodic, unannounced, Government administered drug screening tests.

● Have a favorable National Agency Check/Local Agency Check (NAC/LC), prior to nomination and hiring.

● Be able to travel and stay overnight(s).

● Maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance.

For these four positions, call Vic

Diaz, Eastern Region COMTEK ROTC recruiter at 866-461-2768, or send e-mail to vdiaz@comtechnologies.com. For more information, visit www.goarmyrotc.com

Second Brigade, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Command, is an active-duty brigade located on Fort Dix, responsible for 41 programs at universities located throughout the North East.

● One communications specialist (S-6)

The responsibilities of the communications specialist are subdivided into seven sections. These are the

responsibility for Brigade Information Technology Systems Architect, Technology Project Management, Network Technician, Desktop Technician (responsible to provide a single point of contact/service for 40 end users), Technology Application Support, Voice Communications Support and Webmaster.

● Possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and associated Technical certifications. Perspective hire will be trained post hiring (off site) on required software/hardware applications to service our systems.

● Documented history of providing analysis and recommendations of courses of action, technical guidance and assistance to staff sections and subordinate units.

● Prepare Military correspondence, oral and written presentations.

● Prior knowledge of the federal government's organizational struc-

ture, mission objectives, functions, procedures, agency regulations and policies desired.

● Pass periodic, unannounced, Government administered drug screening tests.

● Have a favorable National Agency Check/Local Agency Check (NAC/LC), prior to nomination and hiring, position requires the ability to maintain a SECRET security clearance.

● Be able to travel and stay overnight(s). This position requires limited travel in support of mission and troubleshooting within the Brigade mission area.

● Maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance.

● Call Steve Friederich, deputy director, Information Support Activity, U.S. Army Accessions Command, at 757-788-5452 or e-mail steven.friederich@usaac.army.mil

Preparation key to home buying

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Judge Advocate

Buying a home is one of the most complex financial decisions you will ever make.

Real estate agents represent the seller, not the buyer. Consider hiring an agent who works for you, not the seller.

Get prices on other homes. Knowing the price of other homes in a neighborhood will help you avoid paying too much.

Have the property inspected. Use a licensed home inspector to carefully inspect the property before agreeing to buy it.

Shopping around for a home loan or mortgage will help you get the best financing deal. A mortgage, whether it is a home purchase, refinancing, or a home equity loan, is a product, just like an automobile, so the price and terms may be negotiable. You will want to compare all the costs involved in obtaining a mortgage. Shopping, comparing, and negotiating may save you thousands of dollars.

Mortgage financing options are much more diverse than many borrowers think. There is a wide variety of mortgage products available, including: fixed rate conventional mortgages, adjustable rate mortgages (ARM), FHA loans, VA loans, interest-only mortgages, jumbo mortgages, two-step mortgages, balloon mortgages, assumable mortgages, construction mortgages, no down payment mortgages, and seller financing.

When shopping for a home mortgage: Research current interest rates. Check the real estate section of your local newspaper, use the Internet, or telephone at least six lenders for information.

Check the rates for 30-year, 20 year, and 15 year mortgages. You can save thousands of dollars in interest charges by getting the shortest-term mortgage that you can afford.

Ask for details on the same loan amount, loan term, and type of loan from multiple lenders so that you can compare the information. Be sure

to get the annual percentage rate (APR), which takes into account not only the interest rate but also points, broker fees, and other credit charges expressed as a yearly rate.

Ask whether the rate is fixed or adjustable. The interest rate on adjustable rate mortgage loans (ARMs) can vary greatly over the lifetime of the mortgage. An increase of several percentage points may raise monthly payments by hundreds of dollars.

If the loan has an adjustable rate, ask when and how the rate and loan payment could change.

Find out how much down payment is required. Some lenders require 20 percent of the home's purchase price as a down payment. But many lenders offer loans that require less. In these cases, you may be required to purchase private mortgage insurance (PMI) to protect the lender if you fall behind on payments.

If PMI is required, ask what the total cost of the insurance will be. How much will the monthly mortgage payment be when PMI premium is added and how long you will be required to carry PMI?

Ask if you can pay off the loan early and if there is a penalty for doing so. Mortgage loan sources include banks, brokers, banks, thrifts and credit unions, home builders, real estate agencies, and Internet lenders.

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.

Military personnel in formation or in a group

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of To the Colors.

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of To the Colors.

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of Retreat. Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of To the Colors, then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)

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Staff Sgt. Alan Alonso with the 812th Military Police Company out of Orangeburg, N.Y., above, keeps the enemy in his sights during mobilization training at Fort Dix in preparation for an upcoming deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Alonso gets into high gear, right, during training at the Individual Movement Technique (IMT) range.



Pfc. Daniel Byron with the 223rd Military Police Company out of Louisville, K.Y., above left, communicates with a Civilian On the Battlefield during mobilization training at the Fort Dix Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site, commonly known as Balad. The 223rd Soldiers, below, move carefully as they seek out insurgents at the MOUT site.



ROAD TO OIF/OEF

Mobilizing troops aim for perfection



Spc. Todd Farnsworth with the 583rd Military Police Detachment out of Youngstown, Ohio, takes a "suspect" into custody, below, and frisks him, left, during mobilization training with the Department of Defense Police Department on Fort Dix. The 583rd is preparing for a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

photos by
Ryan Morton



Logistics wiz wins national petroleum award

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Deborah A. Davis, chief, Supply Management Activity, Directorate of Logistics (DOL), Supply and Services Division, was named the American Petroleum Institute (API) Facility Operator of the Year for the Army.

Davis will receive her recognition award on April 14 in Crystal City, Va., during the Army Service Day Worldwide Energy Conference.

This prestigious national award from an internationally recognized organization was awarded to Davis after her nomination by the Army Petro-

leum Center (APC) with support from professionals at other military installations - Air Force, Army, and Navy. Davis is a recognized professional in her field and has been a person other installations can go to when they have a problem or need a solution that works better and faster. Her work brought her to the attention of top personnel at the Defense Energy Support Center (DESC).

Robert Cole, Director of Logistics, said Davis is frequently contacted by DESC and systems and facility operators on Fort Dix and from other installations on how to operate systems, how to properly service customers, how to account for fuel requirements, and how to provide fuel keys to using customers. At Fort Dix, she not only provides the fuel keys, but sets up and maintains the linkage to the accounting system so fuel for all government vehicles, including all the training vehicles, is billed to the appropriate headquarters for payment to DESC.

"It's very telling that folks off the installation recognize the extreme value of the knowledge that Deb has of petroleum operations at the installations' level. She is frequently contacted by other petroleum operators for technical assistance. Debbie is the long-term civilian continuity factor that's enabled McGuire to work through some of its problems and the maintenance efficiency here at Fort Dix," Cole said.

The award came as a welcome surprise to Cole. The first he knew of the award was



Lisa Evans

HANDS-ON APPROACH -- Deborah A. Davis, chief, Supply Management Activity, Directorate of Logistics (DOL), Supply and Services Division, was named the American Petroleum Institute (API) Facility Operator of the Year for the Army.

when the API at Fort Belvoir, Va., alerted the logistics team that Davis had won, but he wasn't surprised they chose Davis.

"She's a very strong individual, very competent, very competent in the petroleum area. She's been a very strong team player with McGuire for consolidation of fuel operations. She's very upright and honest and a dedicated employee. She always has the mission first, always makes sure Soldiers can execute their training," Cole said.

In addition to petroleum needs on the installation, Davis handles regional heating contracts for the Army Reserve Center within the geographic

To say anything was extraordinary or would stand out as special, well, she makes the most difficult seem routine."

Dave Gambacorta, chief, Supply Division-QAE, (DOL), has worked with Davis since 2004.

"She does a great job with fuels management which distinguishes not only herself but the DOL, Fort Dix. She is very knowledgeable and keeps abreast of any new developments that could impact Fort Dix - like alternative fuels, Bio Diesel and Ethanol 85. This nomination and award of the API only re-enforces what we in the logistics arena already knew," Gambacorta said.

Gambacorta said Davis wears two hats: she supervises the Supply Management Activity (SMA), overseeing the Standard Army Retail Supply System (SARSS 2A) which inputs and monitors status of Fort Dix customer base requisitions, as well as managing petroleum.

As for herself, Davis says that she loves her job and always has.

"I never think about what I do. A lot of it is habit. I'm always here, always been that way. Always make sure you have what you need to keep troops on the road. Changes of command mean changes in the job; just go with it," Davis said.

The API award is one that is not handed out, but requires written documentation that takes time to amass, time to collate and time to write out. Eleven categories have to be documented in essay form with supporting documentation provided. Davis managed to cover

all the pertinent facts those 11 points address with one simple statement: "You don't take chances. Oil and supply is minute by minute, very difficult, but that's the way it is and I'd rather do oil than anything else," Davis said.

With everything that oil and supply covers, Davis manages to do it all with humor and the ability to anticipate problems and fix them before anything happens to upset the flow of work.

"POL was always a challenge and that's why I stayed in it so long. I always enjoyed it because I can get out in the weather. You never can learn it all. About the time you think you know it, something happens. It's always different, every winter is different," Davis said.

Gambacorta added that Davis isn't all work and no play.

"Socially, in her free time she loves the casinos and testing her luck with games of chance like the slots. Professionally, it couldn't be more in complete opposite; she leaves nothing to chance. In some quarters she may be perceived as hard line and all business, but the proof lies in the results and they speak for themselves. Our bottom line is customer support, which drives the Supply and Services Division to the successful accomplishment of its mission," Gambacorta said.

Davis has certainly been successful.

"I have always done my job; whatever it is, I did it. I'm not happy to get called in at 2 a.m., but I will go," Davis said.

Chaplain retires after 35 years serving Soldiers

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

April 1, marks the end of the long and accomplished Army career of Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation and mobilization chaplain.

Kronenberg served Soldiers for more than 36 years including time with the active-duty Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve.

The rabbi's mother served six years in the United States Army as a staff sergeant during World War II. She served in Europe where she met his father. According to Kronenberg, her wedding dress was made from a silk parachute. When her time was up and she was discharged from the Army, his parents moved to Brooklyn, where he was born.

When he was young, he had no aspirations of becoming a rabbi. At the height of the Vietnam War, he decided to further his education and earned a bachelor of arts in mathematics. He graduated from Yeshiva University in New York in 1969.

Kronenberg chose to take his next life step by joining the Army, where he received his commission as a second lieutenant in October 1971.

He completed graduate school at Bernard Revel Graduate School at Yeshiva University with a master of science degree in Semitic languages and was ordained a rabbi in 1972.

He asked Rabbi Israel Miller of Yeshiva University where he could be of service to the Jewish community for a few years. Miller recommended the Army, as there was a shortage of rabbis serving due to the Vietnam War. Later on he would return to school and receive a masters in social work from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

Kronenberg attended chaplains' school, and upon graduation he served on duty from 1972 to 1975 at Fort Riley, Kan. It was his first time being west of the Hudson River. After being discharged from active duty, he joined the Army Reserve and served as the 2nd Brigade, 78th Division chaplain. A move over to the Army National Guard netted him the position of assistant division chaplain, New Jersey Army National Guard, from 1979 to 1981.

In 1981, it was back to the Army Reserve where he served as a chaplain in the 77th Regional Readiness Command. Kronenberg was mobilized to active status in 1999 and again in 2001.

When the war in the Middle East began in 2003, Kronenberg was mobilized in the Active Guard/ Reserve to duty at Fort Dix as a member of the 1079th Garrison Support Unit. Assigned to the Main Chapel staff, he has served as the deputy installation chaplain and as the mobilization chaplain. On two separate occasions he filled the vacancy as installation chaplain.

During his time at Fort Dix, the rabbi has been instrumental in many projects and programs. As the mobilization chaplain, he oversees the spiritual needs of Soldiers both deploying and returning from overseas. With the assistance



courtesy photo



Wayne Cook

THEN AND NOW -- A youthful Chap. (Capt.) Ira Kronenberg, left, begins his ministry as an Army chaplain at Fort Riley, Kan., in the early '70s. Nearly 35 years later, Chap. (Col.) Kronenberg, right, reaches the end of a long and fulfilling career of taking care of Soldiers around the world.

of other staff chaplains and the chaplain assistants and the chaplain staff of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Kronenberg ensures that religious services for all recognized faiths are arranged for those who request them, including services at the training forward operating base.

"Chaplain Kronenberg is a Soldiers' chaplain. He goes where Soldiers go and he faces the same challenges as all other Soldiers, whether it is in training or in a combat theater," said Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain.

"He is a hardworking chaplain who will go to the ends of the earth to help Soldiers,

Army Community Service and pointed out that our Soldiers returning home were bored and not getting a lot out of the Reintegration talks. As a result, we started a new process that got Soldiers talking together, thus increased the involvement of the Soldiers in the process, and now this Fort Dix model will soon be the standard for all Army Reserve and National Guard units returning home," said Chap. (Col.) David Forden, installation staff chaplain and Reintegration project leader.

Not only has Kronenberg been an integral part of the ministry team on the installation, he has also deployed five times to Iraq and Afghanistan to support Soldiers in the war zones during the high holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, and also to celebrate the Passover.

He has more than once been requested by name to be the chaplain to attend to the spiritual needs of the Soldiers overseas.

Kronenberg's greatest attribute is his willingness and ability to work with chaplains of other faiths to minister to Soldiers' and anyone else's needs.

Once while serving on a temporary duty assignment to Afghanistan, Kronenberg accompanied Chap. (Col.) Joseph Orlandi, staff chaplain and catholic priest, 77th Regional Readiness Command, to the hospital in Bagram to hand out candy and toys to Afghani children.

Kronenberg was once requested to perform services for a group of five Jewish Polish soldiers who did not have a rabbi of their own in country.

At another time, he was sought out by a senior South Korean army officer who was applying to become his nation's attaché to Israel. He desperately needed to learn the Hebrew alphabet in order to meet requirements for the position.

Kronenberg spent many hours sharing his knowledge with that officer.

"Chap. Kronenberg has always been concerned about genuinely taking care of Soldiers. This past Thanksgiving Day (2007) when I met with Chap. Kronenberg and Chap. Orlandi in the dining facility, we laughed that the rabbi spent his entire Thanksgiving Day making sure that the priest (Orlandi) was taken around to visit troops and celebrating Mass with the Soldiers. Where

able to light Hanukkah candles in Saddam's palace in Iraq. The light lit up the ceiling mural which depicted SCUD missiles hitting Jerusalem. I also got to recite Psalm 137 on the bank of the Tigris River. I was able to study the Babylonian Talmud miles from where it was written," he said.

"There was this one time when I conducted a Jewish service at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and there was a Jewish officer in attendance who was with Ariel Sharon when they encircled the Egyptian Third Army during the Yom Kippur War of '73," the rabbi mused.

"Things have progressed a lot over the years. I remember being fascinated in chaplain's school when I saw my first VCR. The technology has advanced so far since I joined," he said.

"When I first joined the Army, the only chaplains who had combat experience were those who were prior line officers. Today, almost all chaplains have combat experience. Chaplains are no longer single-faced individuals who just preach or counsel or teach. Today, all chaplains work across all faith lines. They are better trained to work in today's diverse environment," said Kronenberg.

"The country has also matured in the way that people see the military. People can separate their individual feelings about politics and the war and the members of the military," he said.

Kronenberg has enjoyed his time at Fort Dix and working with the people assigned to the post.

"There are excellent people here at Fort Dix, to work with and for -- all the Soldiers and civilians. I've really enjoyed my assignment here. All of the commanders from the installation on down have recognized the importance of chaplains here, which has made our jobs easier," Kronenberg said.

Rabbi Kronenberg moves on to his civilian life but will remain attached to the military.

He will resume his duties as the director of Religious Services, Daughters of Miria/Gallen Institute in Clifton.

A long and distinguished career, Kronenberg's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals. In 2005, he was named the Jewish Military Chaplain of the Year and received the Honig Award.

Kronenberg has been married to Faigie for 34 years and have three children -- Ely, Shira, and Meir -- and have seven grandchildren.



GIVING CANDY TO BABIES -- Chap. (Col.) Joseph Orlandi, 77th Regional Readiness Command staff chaplain, a catholic priest, left, with Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg hands out candies and toys to Afghani children at the Egyptian-run hospital in Bagram in 2005. During his temporary assignments to Afghanistan and Iraq, Kronenberg had the privilege to visit and interact with many locals and coalition forces.

courtesy photos



FIELD MINISTRY -- Chap. (Maj.) Ira Kronenberg, left, performs a service for Soldiers on exercise at Fort Drum, N.Y., in the early '90s. In keeping with the program of serving those in the field, Chap. (Col.) Kronenberg, right, geared up in full battle-rattle while traveling around Afghanistan in 2005.



courtesy photo

SOUNDING THE SHOFAR -- Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg blows the Shofar as a memorial after the Yom Kippur service he held in Iraq. Kronenberg continues to travel to the war theater to provide services for American Jewish Soldiers during the High Holidays. He is slated to return to Iraq to celebrate Hannukah with the troops in December.



Wayne Cook

CELEBRATING HANUKKAH -- Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation chaplain, lights the candles of the menorah to begin the Hannukah party at the Main Chapel Dec. 10, 2007. Members of the post and surrounding communities, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, joined together to experience the Hebrew holiday of the Festival of Lights.



Wayne Cook

EDUCATING RABBIS -- Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation and mobilization chaplain, explains the training regimen of Soldiers and chaplains to members of the Jewish Chaplains endorsing organization during a visit to the training forward operating base March 11. The rabbis were shooting footage for a recruiting film for chaplains.



AIR FORCE NEWS



New litter system set to save lives

Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Air Force Expeditionary Center
Public Affairs

As initiatives go, this one for the Air Force Expeditionary Center's Air Mobility Battlelab on Fort Dix may "litter"-ally save lives.

AMB set out to prove the feasibility of using a lightweight, man-portable litter system that can be hand-carried by aeromedical evacuation, or AE, teams and used on Air Mobility Command cargo aircraft not equipped with an onboard litter system, said Master Sgt. Christopher Sidoli, the AMB project officer for the initiative.

"This initiative solution resulted from a problem where AMC aircraft without organic litter systems had to rely on the patient support pallet for aeromedical evacuation missions," Sidoli said. "The PSP is a heavy, bulky litter system that is heavily reliant on cargo handling equipment for loading and unloading. Additionally, a PSP is not always co-located with AE crews, which results in additional missions to unite AE crew, PSP and patients. A man-portable litter system that's small and light enough to be stored at the AE team's location has the potential to speed up the evacuation of patients significantly."

AMB teamed with Lifeport, Inc. to demonstrate the concept using the company's stacking litter system, or SLS, which weighs less than 150 pounds and was originally designed to evacuate patients over short distances on helicopters. The initiative's initial approval date was April 2007, and the concept demonstration was completed in June 2007 on a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire Air Force Base.

The Air Mobility Battlelab on Fort Dix set out to prove the feasibility of using a lightweight, man-portable litter system that can be hand-carried by aeromedical evacuation teams and used on Air Mobility Command cargo aircraft not equipped with an onboard litter system.

"Our main objective with the demonstration was simple — determine the ease of transportability, assembly and installation of the stacking litter system into the plane," Sidoli said. "We also demonstrated

three other objectives with the SLS — compatibility with the NATO mesh litter, a litter backrest and the special medical emergency evacuation device."

Overall, Sidoli said, the results from the June demonstration were extremely positive. "The demonstration proved the SLS is highly transportable and it required only two people to load on the aircraft without the aid of lifting equipment. Additionally, the demonstration team was able to easily install the system on the plane in less than 18 minutes," Sidoli said.

Although the demonstration team encountered some com-



Air Force Master Sgt. Bob Lorusso

LITTERBUGS — Master Sgt. Chris Sidoli, center, works with KC-135 Stratotanker aircrew members during a demonstration for the stacking litter system initiative June 22 at McGuire Air Force Base. The versatile and portable system will allow a more flexible aeromedical evacuation system. Sidoli works at the Air Mobility Battlelab. The aircrew members are from the 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire. The Air Mobility Battlelab is located in the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center on Fort Dix.

patibility issues resulting from the differences between long-range, fixed wing AE operations and the SLS's helicopter origins, Sidoli indicated these issues could be overcome with minor modifications and that the concept of a "man-portable" litter system capable of being co-located with AE teams is feasible.

The AMB briefed the demonstration results to AMC headquarters in December and recommended transition of the lightweight litter concept for eventual fielding.

According to the Air Mobility Command Surgeon General Readiness Division, they are interested in fielding this type of capability. In reporting back

to the AMB, the division noted that a portable litter system that can be hand-carried by AE crews will "contribute to a more robust and flexible aeromedical evacuation system."

"If a man-portable system makes it all the way to being used by AE teams in the field, it has the potential to save lives — that's the bottom line," Sidoli said.

The Air Mobility Battlelab was established in 2001 to identify and demonstrate the utility of innovative concepts with potential to enhance mobility Air Force capabilities. AMB will deactivate in September 2008 as part of an Air Force cost-savings initiative.



Kenn Mann, U.S. Air Force

Historic aircraft gets new digs

Col. James Kerr, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, Ted Strenpack, Thomas B. McGuire Foundation president, and Col. Balan Ayyar, 305th Air Mobility Wing and McGuire Air Force Base commander, from left, shovel the first dirt during a ground-breaking ceremony for McGuire's C-141 Starlifter Memorial Park. The C-141 was the backbone of Air Mobility Command and its predecessor, Military Airlift Command, and it traveled the globe for nearly 41 years delivering cargo, troops and hope during peacetime and war. This memorial, which displays the flagship of McGuire Air Force Base's original fleet, will honor the lives lost and the mission excellence demonstrated by McGuire Airmen who flew, maintained and supported this historic aircraft. The aircraft on display at McGuire was named "The Garden State Airlifter" in recognition of the state's contribution to the Air Force mission. In August 1967, it was the first C-141 to be delivered to McGuire.

Outstanding women recognized

Airman 1st Class Rebekah Phy
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J., March 21, 2008 — Compassionate. Nurturing. Selfless. Incredible. These were just a few of the words used to describe them. They're mothers, wives, sisters, entrepreneurs, chauffeurs, educators... they're women.

McGuire, Fort Dix and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station personnel celebrated Women's History Month and recognized five outstanding women.

Twenty-five nominations were submitted for the 2008 Women of the Year awards, and the competition was tough. Below are the winners in each category:

- Enlisted E-1 to E-4: Navy Airman Yolanda Manny, Lakehurst
- Enlisted E-5 to E-9: Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Tanya Chuderski, Lakehurst
- Officer: 1st Lt. Maureen Maul, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron
- Civilian: Fay Marshall-Dease, Fort Dix
- Honorable mention: 1st Lt. Vanessa

Swan, 305th Aerial Port Squadron
Col. Balan Ayyar, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, Navy Capt. Phillip Beachy, Lakehurst commander, Army Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, Fort Dix deputy installation commander, and special guest Lisa Post, local business owner, were all speakers at the event.

"It is so important for us to remember all of the great contributions made by women. In our world today, it's important to remember, celebrate and inspire more young women everywhere," said Ayyar.

"This is a wonderful mark of our future operations as a joint base," Ayyar said. "Thank you all for coming out to such an important event."

I AM WOMAN — Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, Fort Dix deputy installation commander, left at right, presents the 2008 Woman of the Year—Civilian award to Fay Marshall-Dease, Human Resources-Military. Marshall-Dease beat out competitors at McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst.

Airman 1st Class Rebekah Phy



Dale Carnegie seminar offers tips for change

Airman 1st Class Rebekah Phy
305th Air Mobility Wing
Public Affairs

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J., March 21, 2008 — For servicemembers, change is something that can happen on a daily basis. From joint basing to restructure and reorganization, change can be overwhelming. But, change can also be an opportunity, according to the Dale Carnegie Training.

McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station personnel recently attended a "Managing change to achieve positive results" seminar here. The training aimed to help servicemembers see change as an opportunity, to evaluate the impact of change on professional and personal lives, to utilize the Dale Carnegie principles to help manage change effectively and to develop a personal action plan to embrace change.

"The seminar was to help military personnel develop tools to more effectively manage change," said Fred Walker, Dale Carnegie Training corporate training specialist. "Our (Dale Carnegie's) involvement with the military, in general, is to help service personnel to be even more effective in their work so they can be mission focused and provide for the safety and security of the country."

According to their Web site, Dale Carnegie Training has evolved from one man's belief in the power of self-improvement to a performance-based training company with offices worldwide. It focuses on giving people in business the opportunity to sharpen their skills and improve their performance in order to build positive, steady and profitable results.

There are three steps to remember to help to positively manage change, Walker said:

Step 1: Picture desired future state.

Step 2: Examine current situation.

Step 3: Create a vision that leads to goals and objectives to accomplish the desired future state or change.

The seminar included several group exercises to help relate the training to real-life situations. Attendees also completed a "Change Response Profile" to see how they naturally respond to change and where they may need to improve.

For Linda Richardson, 305th Mission Support Squadron chief of education and training flight, who set up the seminar, Dale Carnegie was an easy choice.

"With all of the change happening here, including preparing for upcoming joint basing, it was a great time to arrange this seminar for the base," she said.

"For people to really accept change, they have to change at the self level... Dale Carnegie sends a really positive message about change. They seem to have a really positive impact on those who attend, encouraging positive attitudes about change and a willingness to make it successful," Richardson said. "It was nice to see such a good turn out."

As a participant, Tech. Sgt. Christine Uch, 304th Recruiting Squadron flight chief, found the seminar very useful.

"The seminar was informative, motivating and complementary to the Professional Military Education I have experienced regarding the same topic. Opportunities for training always provide something to 'take away,' to help improve my leadership skills, change management techniques can be the difference between success and failure of an individual or organization."

For more information on the Dale Carnegie Training plan, visit www.dalecarnegie.com on the Web.

Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139

McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, March 28 @ 7:30 p.m.

Step Up 2 The Streets - Briana Evigan, Robert Hoffman, Will Kemp, Sonja Sohn, Adam G. Sevani - When rebellious street dancer Andie (Briana Evigan) enrolls in the prestigious Maryland School of the Arts, she finds it difficult to fit in. Joining forces with Chase (Robert Hoffman), the hottest dancer at the school, Andie finds a way to merge her old life and the new by forming a team of misfit classmates and training with them to compete in an underground dance contest known as The Streets.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - language, some suggestive material and brief violence
Run time: 97 minutes

Saturday, March 29 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fools Gold - Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Donald Sutherland, Alexis Dziena, Even Bremner - Ben "Finn" Finnegan (Matthew McConaughey) is a good-natured, surf bum-turned-treasure hunter who is obsessed with finding the legendary 18th century Queen's Dowry—40 chests of exotic treasure that was lost at sea in 1715. In his quest, Finn has sunk everything he has, including his marriage to Tess Finnegan (Kate Hudson) and his more-rusty-than-trusty salvage boat, "Booby Calls." Just as Tess has begun to rebuild her life, working aboard a mega-yacht owned by billionaire Nigel Honeycutt (Donald Sutherland), Finn discovers a vital clue to the treasure's whereabouts. Certain that his luck will change with the newfound information, Finn maneuvers himself aboard Nigel's yacht and, using his good-natured charm, convinces the tycoon and his BlackBerry-wielding, celebrante daughter, Gemma (Alexis Dziena), to join him in the pursuit of the Spanish treasure. Against Tess' better judgment, the search rekindles her love...of discovery.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - action violence, some sexual material, brief nudity and language
Run time: 109 minutes

Future Features...

Vantage Point

Friday, April 4 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 84 minutes.

The Spiderwick Chronicles

Saturday, April 5 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG, 97 minutes.

Chapel Services

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant.....9-10 a.m.
Catholic Mass.....10:15-11:15 a.m.
Gospel.....11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday School.....10 - 11:15 a.m.
CCD.....9:15 - 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950 Church Street
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -
Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue
8:30 a.m.
April 6, 13/May 4, 11/June 8, 15/July 13, 20/
August 10, 17/September 7, 14

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent
Hour of Power

Protestant.....8-9 a.m.
Catholic.....8-9 a.m.
Mormon.....8-9 a.m.
Jewish.....8-9 a.m.

Wednesday Services

Main Chapel

Alpha Course
Beginning March 26, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room

open 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through
Friday - Room 24

Christian Women of the Chapel -
Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Christian Men of the Chapel -
Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each
month, 9 - 11 a.m.

Jewish services available by request

Special Events

--Coming in March--

March 29
Gospel Joy Night @ 5:30 p.m.

March 30
Gospel 33rd Anniversary Service/Dinner

--Coming in April--

April 13
Protestant/Gospel Choir Appreciation Day

April 26
Sight and Sound Trip to Lancaster, Pa.
"Daniel"

For additional services or Religious Support
please call 562-2020

Religious materials are available at the JRC,
the Main Chapel, and Camp Victory

The Main Chapel staff is in need of piano and
organ players during the Protestant and/or
Catholic services on Sundays to fill in as
needed. Please call the chapel at 562-2020.

Read the Post

ACS Meetings

Friday, March 28

International Spouse Group

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 5201

Monday, March 31

Playgroup

18 mo. - 3 yrs.

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
McGuire CDC #2

Tuesday, April 1

Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation
Signing

10 - 10:30 a.m.
Fort Dix CDC

Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday from 2-7 p.m.
Saturday from 1-7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Friday, March 28

NO SCHOOL

Open Recreation

1 - 7 p.m.

Self Directed Activities

MS Full Day Program

Photo Exhibit at Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039

Saturday, March 29

Middle School Trip to Adventure

Aquarium

Departs 1:30 p.m.

Returns 6 p.m.

YOUTH CENTER CLOSED

Monday, March 31

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Dining Facilities

Bldg. 5610 Open Every Day

Breakfast 6-7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Bldg. 5986 Open Every Day

Breakfast 6-7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Meal Rates: Breakfast - \$2.10

Lunch - \$3.85 Dinner - \$3.85

PT uniforms are not to be worn when eating
at Fort Dix dining facilities

Helpful Hotlines

Family Advocacy

562-5200

Chaplain

562-2020

American Red Cross

562-2258

Army Emergency Relief

562-2767

Sexual Assault

562-3849

Victim Advocacy

694-8724

Child/Spouse Abuse

562-6001

Emergencies

911

Providence House hotline

871-7551

NJ Domestic Violence hotline

800 572-SAFE

Fort Dix Victim Advocate

562-2767

McGuire Victim Advocate

754-9672

Arts and Crafts

562-5691

Bldg. 6039 Philadelphia Street

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday to Thursday from noon -

5 p.m. and 6 - 8:45 p.m.

Friday from 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Programs

Adult Craft Classes

Pottery

April 2 - May 7 (6 week class)

Classes cover both hand building and wheel
throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

Held Wednesdays 6:30 - 9 p.m.

\$60 registration fee plus materials.

Pillow Magic

April 2 & 9

Change the look of your sofa or bed by creat-
ing designer pillow covers. Bring your ugliest
pillow up to 18 inches square. \$30 fee.

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

April 3 & 10

Intro to Drawing & Painting Course - \$30 fee

Green Bag

April 16

In honor of Earth Day, sew your own "green
bag" totes with pockets for your coupons and
water bottle. \$20 fee

April 24

Scrapbooks for your Graduate

Kids Craft Classes

Kid's Introductory Painting Course

April 5, 12, 26 & May 3

Children will explore various paint media and
techniques. (4 - week class)

\$20 fee plus materials

Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Tween Pottery Class

April 5 - 26 (4 - week class)

Classes cover both hand building and wheel
throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

\$30 fee

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Kids Pottery Class

April 5 - 26 (4 - week class)

Class covers both hand building and wheel
throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

\$30 fee

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

\$5 pre-registration fee

for other classes call Arts & Crafts - 562-5691

April 12

Quilts for Kids Marathon

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Crafty Garden Party

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Crafty Birthdays

Arts & Crafts offers Craft Birthday Parties!
Parties include up to 2 hours of party room use,
one craft project with instruction and all materi-
als, with many exciting projects to choose
from. When making party reservations, please
make sure to stop by in order to select the craft
and make payment.

Create A Critter

Discover a menagerie of adorable animals to
stuff, dress, and cuddle. From the basic teddy
bear to giraffes and lions, we've got them all!
Great fun for the whole family and you'll love
our low prices. It makes a great last-minute gift
idea, too.

Hearts For Heroes

Show your appreciation for our active duty and
retired military. Come in anytime and paint a
small heart which will be given to a military
member. All hearts will be donated so there is
no cost to participate!

Burlington County WIC Program

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program
of Burlington County is a federally funded
program to help provide proper nutrition to
pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and
children under the age of 5. Eligibility is based
on income and nutritional and/or medical risk.
WIC can provide infants with iron-fortified
infant formula, cereal, and juice. Children and
women receive milk, cheese, eggs, cereal,
juice, peanut butter or beans. Women who
breastfeed and do not use any infant formula
may also receive carrots and tuna.

The Burlington county WIC Program has a
clinic site located on post at the Recreation
Center, Bldg. 5905.
To find out if you may qualify, or to make an
appointment call WIC at 609-267-4304.

Off Post

Combat Stress Support Group

Informal gathering for dinner and discussion
with Chap. (Lt. Col.) Dave Hunter every Mon-
day at 6:30 p.m.

Brother's Diner 1 in Browns Mills
127 Trenton Road (Texas Avenue)

They offer a 10 percent military discount.

*Joining the group soon will be members of
the Vietnam Veterans of America who will
offer their support and experience to today's
Soldiers.

CREATE IN '08 at the

Arts & Crafts Center

call 562-5691 for more information

United Communities Housing Information

Leasing Office - 723-4290

Maintenance Office - 724-0500

Maintenance Scheduling, Progress,
and Trash Concerns - 724-0550

United Communities is now offering

Self-Help Delivery!

Please check the United Communi-
ties Web site for details:

www.mcguiredixuc.com

Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Re-
fuse Collection Schedule

MONDAY

McGuire AFB
3800's & 3900's

TUESDAY

ALL OF FORT DIX INCLUDING

QUARTERS: 201, 502, 1900

THURSDAY

McGuire AFB
4000's EXCEPT 4013-4027

4200's EXCEPT 4252-4260

FRIDAY

McGuire AFB
4013-4027

4252-4260

4300's, 4400's and 4500's

*** IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT
YOU ONLY PUT TRASH OUT ON
YOUR SCHEDULED DAY. THIS HELPS
KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
CLEAN***

RECYCLING IS PICKED UP EVERY
THURSDAY

*IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONLY
RECYCLABLES ARE PUT IN YEL-
LOW/BLUE RECYCLING BINS*

GREEN WASTE IS PICKED UP EVERY
MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

THE ALPHA COURSE

Fort Dix Main Chapel

March 26 through June 4, 2008

Wednesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

What is the meaning of life?

What happens when we die?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives?

How do we deal with guilt?

Nursery care is provided.

Dinner is included.

No attendance fees.

Contact Thuan Donski (609)

893-7627 or Chaplain Raab

(609) 562-2349/2020

For more information about Alpha visit www.alphacourse.org

THE ALPHA COURSE

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in this form to let us know you are planning on
coming.

Drop off at the Main Chapel prior to March 26.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE(DAY) _____

(EVENING) _____

EMAIL _____

DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE (IF YES, AGES OF CHILDREN)

Chaplains' Corner

2nd Lt. Mitchell Rocklin
Chaplain Candidate

How many of us have seen our favorite sports team lose a game on a controversial call by a referee or umpire? In the aftermath of such a game, debate inevitably ensues. Fans will protest, and detailed arguments will be constructed and dissected. Officials will be criticized or defended, and commentators will show replays of the controversial call over and over again. While the official's call, and the results it created, will stand, the ruckus created by the event will reverberate for some time.

It would never occur to us to say something like, "Well, it's true that the play was close, but even though the player didn't quite score, he almost did, so let's just give him the points and give his team the win." Would a referee who was this casual about the game keep his job? What kind of sports fan would take the game so lightly?

Believe it or not, we make this mistake all the time. When it comes to the activities that we are most interested in, we give complete attention. Sometimes, however, we do not properly focus on the most important things in life. Instead, we act just like an uninterested sports fan, telling ourselves something like, "I put time aside for God and my fellow man, but I won't overdo it. It's alright that I'm not quite where I should be, that I'm almost doing what I'm supposed to be doing, so I won't worry."

Why not use sports to help us better understand the importance of leading our spiritual lives properly? Obviously we should care more about our life goals than we do about a

mere game. In the end, when we pass on to the next world, the close calls of sports are not going to matter for us. What will matter, however, are the close calls that we will have made in our own lives. Did we help our neighbors when they needed a hand? Were we honest in business? Did we make an effort to build a family? Did we take time to study God's word? Did we love and fear God as we should have?

These are questions that will be far more relevant when our time comes. We should make sure that we were more careful about them than we were about other, less important matters.

Chapter 28 of Deuteronomy presents us with God's desire that His people follow in his ways. One recurring theme of the chapter is that if people are not following God, they can instead be found following "other gods." While the plain meaning of the Bible seems to be pointing to pagan worship, some commentators took it to mean something deeper. If we do not follow God's path, placing this job at the top of our list of priorities, we will turn our attention elsewhere, seeking other attractions to devote ourselves to. These may not be pagan gods, but irrelevant distractions that we will inflate into the central purpose of our lives. Different people have different vices when it comes to this problem, but it is a challenge that we all face.

One way to conquer this challenge is to imagine our own funeral and appearance before God in the next world. What would we like to be said of us? What do we hope we will be able to say in our defense? What kind of life will we want to look back on? The answer to this future question is the key to how we live our lives in the present.



photos by Pascual Flores

Yellow-banner day

First Sgt. Christopher Cole and Capt. Jason Reed of the 220th Military Police Company out of Colorado, from left above, and 1st Sgt. Callie Leaver of the 278th Military Police Company out of Georgia, from left at right, display their unit's yellow banners during a ceremony held for the mobilizing units at Infantry Park March 24. The banners will be flown above Infantry Park until the units return from their deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism and reclaim their banners.



1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade PAO

'Miles to go...'

Sgt. Major Ronald Klug, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade (Training Support), left, is given the oath of enlistment by Lt. Col. Lester Layman, his section Officer-In-Charge, right, during a ceremony held March 13. Klug enlisted in the Army Reserve after 28 years of service in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Digital signatures, encrypted e-mails make working, training on Dix safer

Jennifer M. McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix faces the very real threat of nefarious individuals hacking into the computer system and causing problems that could affect the installation's mission and may ultimately even endanger the lives of American Soldiers and their families.

So it behooves everyone who uses the Fort Dix Intranet to keep information from falling into the wrong hands by taking precautions to secure information from being hacked.

One of the ways Fort Dix is preventing the unwanted dissemination of information is by using digital signatures and encrypted e-mails.

"It is another layer of security," said Lois Leaf, Information Assurance Division chief.

A digital signature acts as a unique identifier for an individual. It provides data integrity by assuring the message has remained unaltered in transmission. Electronic signatures provide further security by authenticating the sender and assuring that he or she cannot

later deny sending the e-mail.

While routine e-mails do not normally require a digital signature, there are certain types of communications that should be digitally signed.

These are: Official instructions and directions to subordinates, acknowledgement of - or response to - official instructions and directions from superiors, financial information, contract information and proprietary data.

E-mails containing embedded URL Web links or attachments, and encrypted e-mails should also be digitally signed.

"This is the biggest thing," Leaf said. "A digital signature says, 'It came from me.' It isn't some scam," she continued.

If receiving an e-mail requiring digital signature, the receivers should check the digital signature of the incoming message and assure that the sender is who they say they are. It may be necessary to do this by checking their name in the Global Address Book. Mail

from unrecognized senders should only be opened, read and acted upon with caution.

Likewise, information that should be digitally signed such as financial information, but is not, or if the message does not contain the appropriate information, it should be treated with suspicion. An unsigned, unexpected e-mail should also raise red flags.

One containing an active Web link or attachments may be a phishing scheme in which the sender uses legitimate looking e-mails to gather personal or confidential information. If an unexpected, unsigned e-mail from an external site requiring log in to the site is received, the recipients should not use the links in the e-mail to access the site.

To digitally sign an e-mail in Outlook, click on the letter icon with the red ribbon on the toolbar within the message to be sent. Anyone unable to send an e-mail with a digital signature should write, "This mes-

sage requires telephonic validation of authenticity."

Another form of security is the encrypted e-mail. Just as with digital signatures there are times encrypted e-mails must be used. These include sending For Official Use Only (FOUO) documents, information protected under the Privacy Act of 1974 such as social security numbers or evaluation reports, and sensitive medical information such as a diagnosis or course of treatment as covered under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Sensitive data must be encrypted and signed. Care must be taken when saving encrypted information. Encrypted e-mail attachments should only be saved to drives or removable media that employ an approved data at rest encryption solution.

To encrypt a message in Outlook, on the tool bar in the message, click on the letter icon with the blue lock.

For more information on how or when to digitally sign or encrypt and e-mail, visit the information assurance site at <http://jmmmsweb.dix.army.mil/cibt> or call Leaf at 562-4918.

A digital signature acts as a unique identifier for an individual. It provides data integrity by assuring the message has remained unaltered in transmission.

Brew earns Athlete of Year honors



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DUE RECOGNITION-- Lasanna Brew receives the Youth Sports Athlete of the Year award from Carey Pritchett and Stephen Wilkes, above, at the Cookstown VFW. Whether on the basketball court, left, streaking toward the goal line on the grid iron, or being a straight-A student, Brew is a top achiever and always strives to improve.

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Opponents of the Fort Dix Mitey Mites always had the same thing on their mind this past football season. Coaches would yell to their players, "Where's 44? Keep your eyes on 44!"

Often, by the time they found number 44, he was streaking past defenders on his way to the endzone. The story was similar during the basketball season. Only instead of 44, Lasanna Brew was wearing number 12. Regardless of his jersey number, or the sport he's playing, Lasanna Brew is a dominating player.

"Lasanna has been recognized by all his coaches as being an exceptional player. He's constantly pushing his ability to not only better himself, but for the sake of the team," said Stephen Wilkes, assistant director of Youth Sports. "He's also a straight-A student at the Kings Academy in Wrightstown."

For his accomplishments on the field, court and in the classroom, Lasanna Brew has been recognized as the Fort Dix Youth Sports Athlete of the Year. His award was presented earlier this month at a banquet at the Cookstown VFW.

"He was surprised," explained Wilkes. "He didn't know it was for him. His mom told him it was a banquet for the team. He didn't realize the banquet was for him until he got there and it was announced."

This is the second year Youth Sports has teamed up with the Cookstown VFW to honor an athlete from Fort Dix. In addition to the dinner, the VFW awarded Brew with a \$200 savings bond. "It was a really nice banquet," said Wilkes. "Carey Pritchett, of the VFW, helped us out a great deal again. He incorporated our award into a banquet at the VFW. It's something really special for the kids, and I'm grateful to Carey for his help and support."

Wilkes describes Brew as a coaches dream, who uses his academic ability to improve his game.

"He's a smart kid. He pays attention at practice and listens to his coaches. Then takes that information and puts it to use. You can see him improve from the start to the finish," said Wilkes. "He's got a great future ahead of him if he keeps on this path."



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Students volunteer service to ease tension

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Griffith Field House visitors were treated to a free massage by students from the Cortiva Somerset School of Massage Therapy.

"We are completing externship hours. We had 30 hours externship to do," said Judy Santiago. "I called the base and worked out something with Jackie Holiday. It took a little while but we worked it out so

we could come to the gym and get our externship hours."

The students have been visiting the Field House for the past three weeks, working out the kinks and stiff necks of gym patrons.

"It has proven to be a very popular program," said Jackie Holiday, marketing chief of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "I was contacted by Judy because of a graduation requirement of hands on training and she thought it would be nice to treat a mili-

tary community to the service."

The program not only benefits the community, the students get to complete their required externship hours, and get some practical hands-on experience in a real-world setting. Aside from being at the Field House to complete their externship, the students have been enjoying their time on post.

"Everyone is raving about the fun we had on Fort Dix," said Santiago, after her first visit. "A lot of the students

really felt appreciated and that's important for them, especially starting a new career. This really helped build their confidence."

Some of the students had already completed their externship requirements, but wanted to come to and offer their services to the Fort Dix community. Other students were on the verge of graduating and wanted to finish their externship at Fort Dix.

"A friend of mine got me into it. Our graduation is April

3. Technically, I'm done. Today is my last day of externship," said Amanda Prendergast. "This is our third week here and it's been a lot of fun."

Andria Chan is an instructor at the school and volunteered her time to come to the Field House and help the students with their externship.

"She was why we were allowed to do the externship and volunteer," explained Santiago.

With the success of the program, all parties involved are

interested in continuing the service.

"We have discussed having the school come on a regular basis but that hasn't been confirmed yet," said Holiday.

After graduation, Santiago plans to take her training and combine it with her entrepreneurial spirit and venture into her own business.

"I do call out services and I have a summer special going on right now," she explained. For more details, call her at 732-598-6679.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Little League

The Fort Dix Little League Baseball Program will be holding registration Feb. 18 - March 28. The program is open to all family members of active duty, retired military, civilian or contract employees. Cost to register is \$50 for children 3-15.

For more information, or to register, call CYS at 562-4702 or 562-5231. Chris and Steve at Youth Sports, 562-2819 can also provide additional information.

Golf Tournament

The T3BL Soldiers' Association Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 9 at Fountain Green Golf Course, Fort Dix. As in previous events there could even be a Celebrity Four-some on the links with you.

The tourney starts at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place teams for low gross; closest to the pin; longest drive for men and women; and straightest drive.

A 2008 Lexus courtesy of Lexus of Cherry Hill with be the Hole in One prize.

Entrance fee is \$90 per person includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, door prizes and buffet lunch.

Register your four-some

by April 22 by calling Master Sgt. Bud Scully at 609-562-0565.

Fun Run

Runners will have the chance to participate in two events this April.

Fist is the Child Abuse Prevention Unity Walk/Run, to be held April 17. Participants should report to the Griffith Field House by 11:45 a.m. for the noon start.

For more information, call (609) 562-2767.

April 22 will be the Earth Day Fun Run. Runners will again report to the Griffith Field House for the noon event. There is a \$7 pre-race registration fee. Same-day registration fee is \$9.

Call (609) 562-4888 for more information.



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Unity Walk / Run
April 17th 2008 1200-1300
5k (3.1miles) & 3K (1.5 miles)

All runners and walkers report to the Griffith Field House @ 1145
Baby Strollers are welcome! No bicycles please.

Water bottles will be given to the first 250 participants
For more information contact ACS @ 609-562-2767

The ACS Center is accessible to persons with disabilities.
Customers using Text Telephones (TTY) may contact us through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-832-2087

MESSAGE THERAPY -- Students from the Cortiva Somerset School of Massage Therapy, Amanda Prendergast and Judy Santiago shown above, have been visiting the Griffith Field House for the past three Fridays. As part of the class, the students were required to perform 30 hours of externship, where they would get practical, real-world experience. The students decided to offer their services to the Fort Dix community. Though the externship is done, students are talking about continuing to visit the post and volunteer their time.

Fort Dix Outdoor Recreation Rod & Gun Club

23rd Annual Kiddie Fishing Contest
5 April 2008 from 8:00-10:00am

Contests:
1. Smallest Trout by Length caught in EACH age group.
2. Longest Trout by Length caught in EACH age group.

Rules:
1. Children MUST BE accompanied by an adult. All participants must check in at registration table. Registration will be from 0730-0830. Everyone should try to register beforehand.
2. Fishing will start promptly at 0800 hrs and will continue to 1000 hrs. There will be no fishing before 0800 hrs. All fish must be presented to the judging area before 1000 hrs. Children can fish past 1000 hrs but fish caught after this time will not be eligible.
3. Trout are the only eligible fish to enter in the contests.
4. What the kids will need: Rod, reel, tackle, bait. There will be a limited number of Rod and reels available, at no charge, for check out. Bait will be available at no charge.
5. Children must set the hook, reel in fish and get it on shore. Adults may assist in casting, removing the fish from the hook, unstringing lines and rigging bait.
6. Awards ceremony will be presented at 1030 hrs. The raffle will follow the awards ceremony and the child must be present to receive a door prize.
7. Sign up by 4 April at Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 6045; by phone 609-562-2727 or 609-562-4667 or by email: dave.bertagrol@us.army.mil or katrina.kerr@us.army.mil

*All Children WILL BE eligible for a door prize!!
**Limited Refreshments will be provided.